

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method and apparatus for monitoring the quality of an optical link is disclosed.

According to a first aspect of the present invention, a method for determining a quality of
5 an optical link is disclosed. The method includes identifying a known signal and
transmitting and receiving the signal over an optical link. The method also includes
comparing the received signal to the known signal using optical correlation. The method
further includes determining a quality of the optical link based on the comparison.